



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Specifications and Advertisement for Bids for Two Bucket Trucks (\$170,000)

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2000

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve the specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for two Bucket Trucks.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Bucket Trucks will replace a 1989 Ford F350 service truck (09-027) with 110,946 miles on the odometer and a 1991 Dodge D350 service truck (09-023) with 81,664 miles on the odometer. The replacement of these trucks is included in the 1999-2000 Fiscal Year Plan and Budget. The guidelines for replacement (8 years/65,000 miles) have been met. The existing service truck configuration (chassis with enclosed utility body) no longer meets the need of the Department to provide quick, effective and efficient responses to customer calls, service restoration and maintenance functions.

The vehicles are utilized on a daily basis by the Electric Troubleshooters, the first line response personnel to trouble conditions and customer problems on the system. The Electric Troubleshooters generally works alone in the field and carry out many other tasks such as street light repair, service installations, line work, switching and data acquisitions in addition to the duties mentioned earlier. The majority of these tasks are of an overhead nature. Therefore, the effectiveness, efficiency and a safe work environment for this group of employees can be significantly improved by providing bucket trucks. Based on these facts, the recommendation has been made to replace the traditional service truck configuration with bucket trucks.

Service trucks, per the Fleet Policies and Procedures, can have a secondary use of two years. The Department has been using another service truck (49-072) in a secondary use capacity since November 1996. This vehicle is at this point worn out. Therefore, it is also recommended that vehicle 09-027 be utilized as a secondary use vehicle to replace 49-072.

The bid opening date has been set for April 26, 2000.

ESTIMATED COST:

Bucket Trucks	\$165,200
Remoter Control Spotlight	2,400
Mobile Radio incl. Installation	2,000
Cellular Phone (transfer)	400

Total:	\$170,000

APPROVED: _____

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APPROVED FUNDING SOURCE: Electric Utility Capital Budget
(See Page E-55 of the 1999-2000 Financial Plan and Budget)

Alan N Vallow
Electric Utility Director

Fleet Committee Review:

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Agrees with recommendation (approved 3/13/00)
Disagrees Reason: _____

Fleet Manager

3/13/00
Date

Approval of Funding Source:

Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

3/16/00
Date

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c: City Attorney
Purchasing Officer

APPROVED: _____
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager